

Services Officer

Attention: Acting Chief, Supply Division

16 May 1949

Chief, Fiscal Branch

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 22 April 1949 returning Invoice No. 530-NE494, in the amount of \$36.60, with which you suggested that the billing be returned to Hemington Road Company for an explanation.

2. In developing this case with an official in the Services Branch it was discovered that the machine in question, Serial No. JC-503185, was moved to [redacted] on Government Bill of Lading No. IG-628. Payment was accomplished to the Pennsylvania Railroad, for the movement, on Bu. Vou. No. 1864. An examination of this account revealed that no indication was made on the reverse of the Government Bill of Lading to the effect that the machine was damaged in transit. However, through informal contact with the present Administrative Assistant in the [redacted] it was found that according to the information contained in the records at that point that the machine must have been damaged in the move and that the machine was not uncrated until a considerable time after the consignee's certificate of delivery had been completed. In this connection, it appears desirable to request that all consignees be informed of responsibility in relation to examining articles prior to completing the consignee's certificate of delivery on Government Bills of Lading. This could be accomplished in a general instruction or through an appropriate document attached to the consignee's copy of each Government Bill of Lading issued.

3. The [redacted] has been requested to forward the entire file relative to this damaged property in order that a determination may be made as to whether or not a collection from the carrier, in the amount of \$36.60, should or may be made. The former Administrative Assistant in the [redacted] is being approached relative to a complete report regarding this machine. A copy of my letter of this date is attached for your information. It will be appreciated if you will supply a copy of the instructions rendered to consignees pertaining to the accomplishment of their certificates on Government Bills of Lading.

4. In so far as this account is concerned, Voucher No. 9193 possibly should not be unduly held up for the reason that Hemington and was directed by an official of this Agency (even though he may not have had proper authority) to perform a repair. They have complied with the request and presented an appropriate bill.

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5. In view of the many considerations pertaining to this account, payment will be accomplished at an early date if: (a) a statement is received that the free service period on the machine has expired; and (b) that the Services Officer approves the payment in excess of the \$25.00 restriction set forth in A. & M. Operating Procedure, Services, No. 3.

6. There appears to be no point in preparing a confirming purchase order at this date; however, if the Services Office so desires the confirming order carrying the statement with respect to the free service period would suffice from a payment point of view.

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